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Applicant: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al. Conf.: 5656
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 27, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-27 are present in this case and await action on the merits.

Restriction

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement separating the claims into the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-3, 7 and 8, drawn to modified natural rubber, classified in Class 525, subclass 315;